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Serial No. 09/513,005  
Response to Office Action mailed 4/1/03

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**BEDINGFIELD, ET AL.**Serial No.: **09/513,005**Filed **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000**For: **Region-Wide Messaging  
System and Methods  
Including Validation of  
Transactions**Art Unit: **2645**Examiner: **Foster**Attorney  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 1ST, 2003**Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action mailed April 1st, 2003. The Examiner is thanked for review of this patent application. All of the currently pending claims (renumbered as claims 13-30) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,812,639 to *Bartholomew et al.* The rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration is requested.